



IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:

Hisakazu HOJO et al

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For : INORGANIC PARTICLES-CONTAINING ADDITIVE COMPOSITION,
MANUFACTURING METHOD THEREOF AND FOOD COMPOSITION
CONTAINING THE ADDITIVE COMPOSITION

DECLARATION

Honorable Commissioner of Patents

and Trademarks

Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Naoki KUBOTA, a citizen of Japan residing at Maruo Calcium Company Limited of 1455, Nishioka, Uozumi-cho, Akashi-shi, Hyogo 674-0084 Japan, being duly sworn depose and says that:

1. I graduated from Master Course of Pharmaceutical Research, Graduate School of Kobe Gakuin University in 1995. I was employed by Maruo Calcium Company Limited on April 1, 1995.

Since that date, I have been engaged mainly in research and development of food additives, and in services as a food sanitation administrator and administrative pharmacist up to today. I have numerous patents and patent applications on those subjects.

2. I am one of inventors of the present invention. I have studied and am fully familiar with this specification and claims, the cited references and the Office Action dated 02/18/2004.

3. I followed Example 1 comprising a general composition as well as Example 12 of Buddemeyer et al (US 6,248,376) and measured the amount of alkali metal X (mg/Kg) and the electric conductivity Y (mS/cm) in the same manner as described in the specification of the present invention. The measured results are shown in the following table.

Buddemeyer et al.	Ca (mol)	KOH (mol)	Citric acid (mol)	Phosphoric acid (mol)	X (mg/ Kg)	Y (mS/ Kg)
Example 1	2.29	2.00	1.00	1.35	138000	28.0
Example 12	2.80	3.60	1.00	1.88	190000	41.8

4. As apparent from the measured results shown in the above table, it is understood that both Example 1 and Example 12 of Buddemeyer et al. do not satisfy (a) $70 \leq X \leq 90000$ and (b) $0.1 \leq Y \leq 15$ of the present invention.

5. All statements made herein are believed to be true; and further that these statements were made with the knowledge

that willful false statements and the like so made are punishable by fine or imprisonment, or both, under Section 1001 of Title 18 of the United States Code and that such willful false statements may jeopardize the validity of the application or any patent issuing thereon.

Dated this 6th day of August, 2004

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